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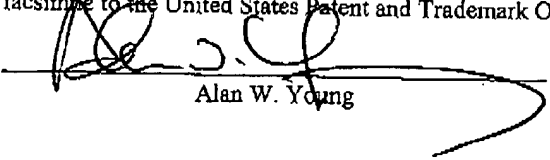
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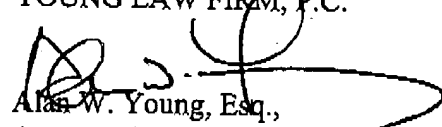
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2002, Applicant submit herewith the following:

- 1) Amendment (10 pages);
- 2) This Transmittal letter (1 page);

If any unresolved issues remain, please contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Office Action issued January 16, 2003 in the above-identified application, applicant submits the following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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-18. (Amended) A method of enabling a customer to anonymously purchase an item from a vendor via an electronic draft for delivery to an address without divulging the delivery address to the vendor, comprising the steps of:

storing, in a bank, an encrypted unique identifier for the customer, the encrypted unique identifier being linked to the customer's personal and financial information stored in the bank, including the delivery address;